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## Emphasis on Army schools

**Rob McIlvaine**  
*FMWRC Public Affairs*

Army Child and Youth Services will now be Army Child, Youth and School Services. The Army is renaming this key Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program because of the renewed focus at every level to support the schools serving Army children.

“Often,” said M.A. Lucas, Director, CYSS, “a teacher looks out

at the class and sees his or her students behaving normally, but there might be one child in his class whose life has just turned upside down.”

As a result of the impacts on our military-connected students caused by the stresses of deployment and troop movements, she said, more emphasis is being placed on support services to parents, guidance counselors, principals and teachers.

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## New emergency data form gives troops more options

**Spc. Dustin Gautney**  
*2nd BCT Public Affairs*

Soldiers can now select up to 10 beneficiaries to receive their death gratuity benefits by filling out a revised Record of Emergency Data Form, dated January 2008. Updating the Department of Defense Form 93 is voluntary in that case but may be mandatory for others.

Soldiers who filled out the Record of Emergency Data Form, (DD Form 93), dated August 1998 after July 1 are required to update their emergency data and submit it to their battalion S-1. According to

MILPER Message 08-212, the suspense for updating the form is March 1, 2009. The 3rd Infantry Division G-1 reports how many Soldiers have updated their information to the Human Resources Command in Virginia.

The form can be obtained through the My Forms portal at Army Knowledge Online. The revised form was created after eMILPO experienced continuous filing errors.

Soldiers who filed the August 1998 version of DD Form 93 before July 1 are not required to update their data unless they wish to split the death gratuity benefits.

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## Ceremony to honor POW/MIA

**Special to the Frontline**

A Prisoner of War-Missing in Action National Recognition will be celebrated here with a ceremony hosted by the Chapter 789 Vietnam Veterans of America at 6:30 p.m., Friday.

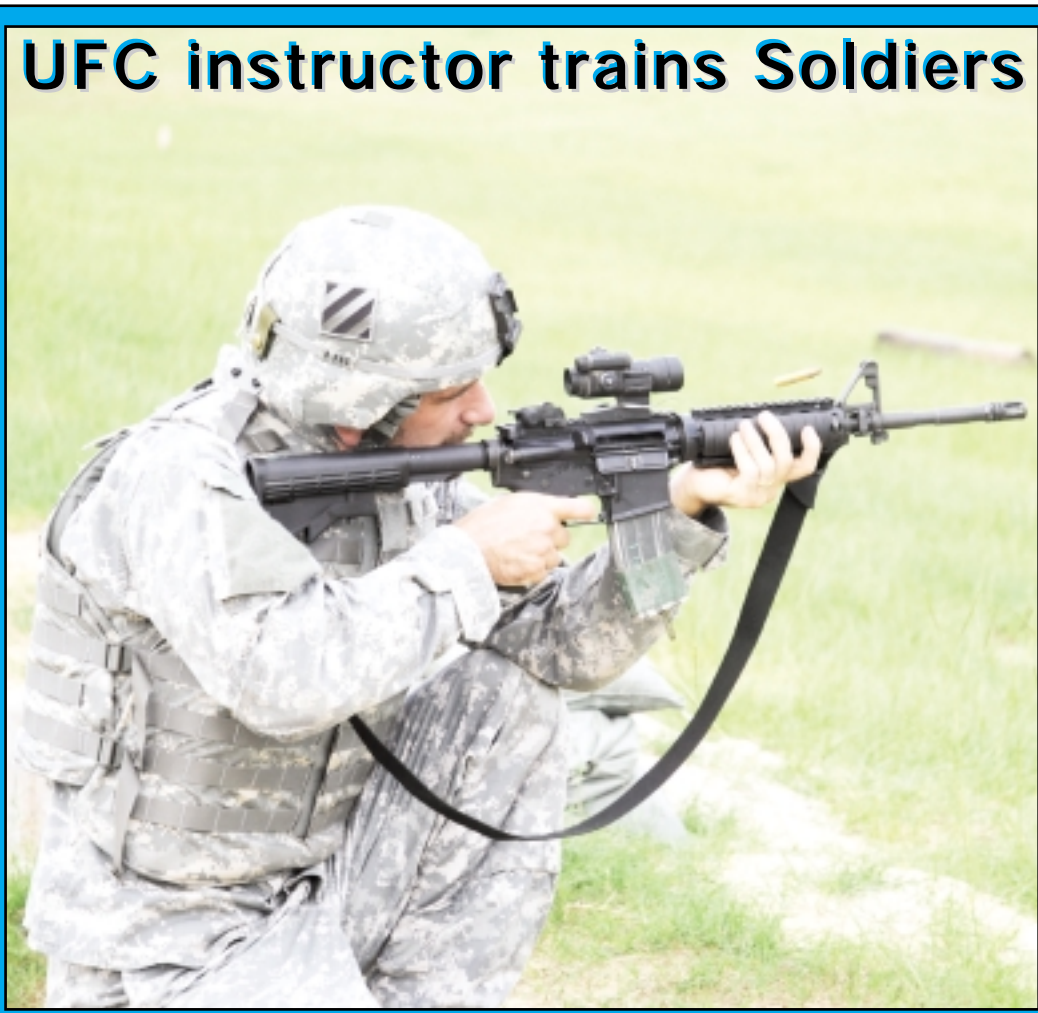
The event will be held outside of the Fort Stewart Museum at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

This event will honor the sacrifices made by POW/MIA and their Families will be honored for their selfless service and sacrifices. A reception will follow.



Spc. Ben Hutto

**Remembering 9/11 - Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment render honors as taps is played to honor the victims of the Sept. 11th attacks. The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team flew its colors at half mast and fired four volleys to commemorate the victims of the Twin Towers, Pentagon and United Airlines flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. The volleys were timed to coincide with the times that each tragedy happened. See related story on Pages 10 and 11 A.**



Pvt. Jared Eastman

**Greg Jackson, a Mixed Martial Arts instructor for Ultimate Fighting Champion Fighters, fires rounds with an M4 on Fort Stewart, after sharing new tactical fighting techniques with Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Sept. 8. See story on Page 6A.**

## WTU, Brittin Elementary commemorate Sept 11

**Randy Murray**  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Many of the students at Fort Stewart's Brittin Elementary School were not even born when the terrible events of 9/11 occurred, but they, their teachers and administrators were joined by Company C, Warrior Transition Unit to commemorate one of America's greatest tragedies, Sept. 11.

“We have several WTU Soldiers volunteer at the school,” said Brittin principal, Dr. Ford Stone.

“They help us out a lot, and I don't mean just sharpening pencils. Some of them read books to our kids and really work with

them. Our (Parent-Teacher Organization) president, Day Maldonado's husband works there, she said adding that Day suggested the commemoration.

Actually, Maldonado did more than suggest Brittin and the WTU do something to commemorate 9/11 together. With the help of school resource officer Sgt. Randall Thompson, she coordinated the whole thing, even decorated the rope fence surrounding the school flag pole with red, white and blue ribbons.

Her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Agustin Maldonado, a Co. C platoon sergeant, led the flag detail, consisting of Sgt. Royce Alexander and Sgt. Michael Snyder.

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## Soldiers' deaths under investigation

**Special to the Frontline**

Two Soldiers died in a non-combat related incident at a coalition patrol base in Iraq at 1:02 a.m., Sunday.

The names of the Soldiers are being withheld pending the noti-

fication of next of kin.

Both Soldiers were evacuated by military vehicles to the closest military medical facility, where they were later pronounced dead.

The cause of the incident is under investigation. For more information, call 435-9879.



# CoS charges total Army to prevent sexual assault

## Special to the Frontline

The prevention of sexual assault needs our full attention. It is our duty and moral obligation to set the climate and the conditions which leave no doubt that such behavior has no place in our ranks. We will announce our Army Sexual Assault Prevention Strategy at the SAPR Summit this week in Alexandria, Va.

We are gathering senior leaders representing all Army commands, components and the institutional Army to hear firsthand our intent for preventing this criminal act. Our comprehensive strategy consists of four overlapping phases, each having specific goals for reducing sexual assaults while increasing Soldier propensity to report crimes. At the end of our collective efforts, we want the Army to be recognized as the national leader in sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention.

Reaching this goal requires a clear cultural change that repudiates sexual assault.

Below is the text of a joint letter that the Secretary and I released Sept. 11.

We solicit your personal support and commitment.

As American Soldiers you are members of a Band of Brothers and Sisters, bound together by common values, and duty and loyalty to each other that set you apart from the rest of society.

You are bound by a selfless commitment to your comrades that outsiders find incomprehensible, a willingness to sacrifice or even die for each other, even a stranger who shares your uniform.

In Iraq, that bond led 19-year-old Pfc. Ross McGinnis to cover a grenade with his body to save the lives of his fellow Soldiers.

In Afghanistan, 19-year-old medic, Pfc. Monica Brown, threw her body on top of wounded Soldiers to protect them from mortar and small arms fire - and provided them medical care as shrapnel and bullets rained down around them.

McGinnis gave his life and Brown offered hers for our Band of Brothers and Sisters.

It is in this context that we must consider the crime of sexual assault, and the enabling offense of sexual harassment - and the duty of bystanders to intervene and protect their comrades from harassment and the risk of assault.

In 2007, the rate of reported sexual assault cases in the Army was more than double the rate of our sister services.

Over the past seven years, with our nation at war, over 1,800 Soldiers have been punished for sexual assault of their fellow Soldiers, with nearly 500 additional cases pending final disposition.

The Soldiers who committed these crimes betrayed not only their victims, but their Band of Brothers and Sisters who counted on them. They violated a sacred trust and forfeited their claim to the title "Soldier."

And when a Soldier fails to intervene to protect a comrade from harassment or the risk of assault, he or she has forsaken the duty to never leave a fallen comrade and has no place in the Army of McGinnis or Brown.

Sexual assault and harassment are repugnant to everything a Soldier stands for and we all must recognize and condemn them as the crimes they are, and as destructive of the moral fiber that gives our Army its inner strength.

Your Army leadership is joining with Soldiers across the Army in a commitment to eliminate sexual assault and harassment from our ranks. Our goal is to create a climate of zero tolerance for gender-based misconduct - in attitude, word and deed. As our Army erased the ugly stain of racism and built our nation's model organization for color-blind opportunity, so must we succeed in this effort.

The Army staff has developed a comprehensive plan to achieve this goal, with a program built on the bedrock values that define and distinguish our Army and the American Soldier. We will launch it at our Sexual

Assault Prevention and Risk Reduction Summit, Sept. 9-12 in Alexandria.

The program includes the education and training of our Soldiers to ensure they understand their moral responsibility to intervene to stop sexual harassment and protect their comrades from the risk of sexual assault, and the tactics to intervene effectively.

We will include USMA, ROTC and JROTC in our program and develop young leaders who better understand their responsibilities to their Band of Brothers and Sisters.

The United States Army is the best in the world at what it does. We are that way because of our values, our Warrior Ethos, and our people.

The brothers and sisters of our Army must be able to count on each other, no matter the cost. With the success of this effort, we will more fully align our Army with the values we profess and the ideals lived, even unto death, by Soldiers like McGinnis.

**George W. Casey, Jr.**  
General, U.S. Army  
Chief of Staff

**Pete Geren**  
Secretary of the Army

# Marne Division welcomes new deputy commanders

**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
4th BCT Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division held the welcoming ceremony in honor of the incoming deputy commanding generals Sept. 12 at the Main Post Chapel.

The ceremony marked the beginning of the new command staff arriving on Fort Stewart and both officially taking command.

The ceremony welcomed Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II, the new deputy commanding general (maneuver) and Col. (P) Thomas Vandal, the new deputy commanding general (support).

Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, commanding general of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and reviewing officer for the ceremony, told the audience of the achievements of both post deputy commanding generals for maneuver and support and the importance they will have on Stewart-Hunter.

"It's a formal welcoming and the right thing to do for the deputy commanding generals, but it is also symbolic for everybody present," Cucolo said. "Today the Marne Division, in a way, jams it flagstaff into the ground and declares that the team is set."

During Donahue's more than 28 years of service, he has been assigned to a variety of positions, including command at company to brigade levels.

Donahue last served as the executive officer to the Secretary of the Army and Vice Chief of Staff the Army from 2006 to 2008.

During the ceremony, Cucolo told those in attendance of how hard the job is.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that is an incredibly difficult job; your time is not your own" Cucolo said.

As the deputy commanding general (maneuver), Donahue's main focus will be for all of the brigade combat teams on Fort Stewart and Kelley Hill (at Fort Benning, Ga.)

"I have seen this great outfit in combat and have been amazed professionally at what this division has done in the last four years," Donahue said.

Donahue is a master parachutist and has earned the combat and expert infantryman badges.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), and air assault badge.

Throughout Vandal's more than 26 years of service, he has also been assigned to a variety of positions, including command at company to brigade levels.

Vandal last served as the commander of the Operations Group at the Joint Multi-National Readiness Center in Hoenfels, Germany.

"(Vandal) handled more international units passing through Hoenfels," Cucolo said. "He ran his own post."

As the deputy commanding general (support), Vandal's main focus is the resident senior oversight at Hunter Army Airfield and oversight for sustainment units at Fort Stewart and Kelly Hill.

"In our short time here, about three months, we've been absolutely overwhelmed by the southern hospitality, the terrific Army communities, and the sense of purpose in every member of Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield or Kelley Hill," Vandal said.

Vandal's badges include Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Joint Staff Badge. His awards include the Legion of Merit (One Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Achievement Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters).



Spc. Amanda McBride

**A Soldier presents Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II, the new deputy commanding general (maneuver) a shell casing, welcoming him to the Marne Division, at the Main Post Chapel, Sept. 12.**

# Moments in history: WWI Army Nurses



## Special to the Frontline

During World War I, Army nurses helped save the lives of thousands of Marne soldiers, who were among the over 200,000 wounded American troops. More than 10,000 Army nurses crossed the Atlantic to aid the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Although World War I is nearly gone from living memory, Pride of America, We're With You, a book about Grace Anderson, a World War I Army nurse, sheds light on the nurses and Soldiers of the AEF. Most Army nurses belonged to one of the AEF's 127 base hospital military units in France.

Base units consisted of 35 Medical Corps officers, 200 enlisted men, 100 nurses and some civilian employees. Base hospitals, located a safe distance from combat zones, provided more extensive and definitive treatment. Those fixed facilities operated in conjunction with battlefield first aid, dressing stations, ambulances and hospital trains as well as field, mobile, evacuation, convalescent and camp hospitals.

The AEF assigned Grace Anderson and thousands of other Army nurses to hospital centers, clusters of base hospitals. Normal bed capacity of the 22 centers ranged from 1,000 to over 15,000.

Marne Soldiers and all AEF troops benefited from Army Medical's specialization. For instance, the Vichy Hospital Center, where Anderson served as chief anesthetist, received most of the head, face and jaw injuries. Vichy Center developed an excellent reputation in the AEF for neurosurgery, maxillofacial and oral surgery.

Courtesy photo

**Collecting point for wounded, 3rd Division, near Nantillois, Meuse, October 12, 1918.**





Photos by Maj. Marc Young

*Under the watchful eye of the instructor, 56th IBCT- Soldiers practice short range rifle marksmanship here. The Soldiers from the Texas National Guard are set to deploy to Iraq this fall.*

# Hunter troops assist Texas NG training

**Maj. Marc Young**  
188th Public Affairs

How many Army units would volunteer for a two-hour daily round trip to work in a field ammunition supply point just months after returning from a 15-month long deployment in Afghanistan? How many would volunteer for the duty to help another unit from another state?

Soldiers of the 24th Ordnance Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade out of Hunter Army Airfield did.

Five months ago, most of these Soldiers were in Afghanistan providing ammunition and materials to two combat brigades. Today, they are operating the Ammunition Holding Area in support of the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team post-mobilization training here prior to the 56th IBCT's deployment to Iraq this fall.

The AHA runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 24th Ord. Soldiers working two 12-hour shifts with an hour shuttle ride on either end. The first shift arrives well before dawn. Soldiers perform preventive maintenance checks and services on their vehicles in the small fenced in holding area and by 5 a.m., they are on the road with ammunition supply vehicles to the ranges. After delivering small arms and machine gun ammunition to an average of 9 ranges a day, the ordnance Soldiers return to the AHA eight hours later. At the end of the days training, second shift collects the ammunition residue and sets up the following day's resupply.

"I think it's a great learning experience," said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Burgess, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the AHA. "It gives some of our new Soldiers who haven't deployed a chance to work in the field."

Staff Sgt. Paul Robinson, the first shift supervisor, agreed.

"They get to actually fill out the forms, learn the ranges, and run an ammo point, hands on."

Burgess returned in May from a 15-month deployment to Afghanistan.

"I'm glad to be out here and support the guys who are going over there," he said.



*Soldiers with the 24th Ord. Co. from Hunter count ammunition at the Ammunition Holding Area in support of 56th IBCT post-mobilization training. Pictured from left to right: Spc. Seneca Jacobsen, Spc. Sterling Gilliard, Sgt. Bryan Cunigan, and Sgt. Travis Sapp.*

*Left: An empty cartridge casing flies from a Soldier's weapon during short range marksmanship range training at Fort Stewart. The range is part of post-mobilization training for the 56th IBCT prior to their deployment to Iraq this fall.*



# Barracks Life: Football season is here

## Commentary

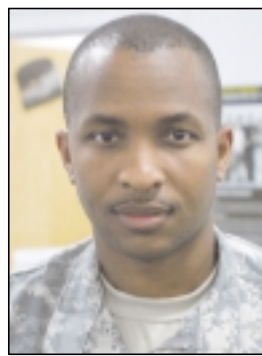
**Sgt. Sherick Watkins**  
Frontline Contributor

Ok sports fans, football season is here. Fort Stewart's intramural football league is back. The 2006 champion, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, and 2007 defending champion, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, are currently deployed with the 4th Brigade Combat Team.

There are 24 teams this year vying for the title of Champion. With the last two champions deployed it's a wide

open field this year. So come on out and support your teams as they do battle for this year's top spot.

Then there is the sports team around the local area. In Savannah we have Savannah State University Tigers. In Statesboro there is Georgia Southern University who has won 6 national championships since 1985 with the last one coming in 2000. Then there is Valdosta State University Blazers in Valdosta, GA who won the Division II national championship in



2007. If you're into major college football action there is University of Georgia in Athens, GA who currently is ranked #2 in the nation, and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga. And about 230 miles away, my favorite Florida State University.

If you're not into the college thing then we have the pro football teams. The Atlanta Falcons, in Atlanta who are trying to turn things around this year, Jacksonville Jaguars

in Jacksonville, Fla. and finally Carolina Panthers, who call home Charlotte, N.C.

There is plenty sport action in and around the Savannah area. Keep a lookout for the Morale Welfare and Recreation sponsored trips. MWR is a good source for information on the sporting events in the surrounding area. On Sept. 20 there is a trip to go to Turner Field in Atlanta to check out the New York Mets vs Atlanta Braves.

If you have a hobby or interesting barracks story contact the Frontline Newspaper at 767-5669 or e-mail to [sherick.watkins@us.army.mil](mailto:sherick.watkins@us.army.mil).

## Letter to the Editor

# Remember to honor our wartime heroes

**Susie Geist Stephens**

President, GA Committee for POW/MIA's

September 19th is POW/MIA National Recognition Day, the one day of the year our country sets aside to honor our prisoners of war and those still unaccounted for and missing in action. Our former POWs and the families of those MIA's are a very unique breed. America has many heroes, and these citizens continually remind us that freedom isn't free, and thus are part of those we honor this day.

On this day I will also honor one special person,

STAFF SGT. Stephen J. Geist, who was shot down on September 26, 1967. He is one of the 1,752 MIA's from the Vietnam War. Stephen's proudest day was the day he received his Green Beret. Stephen's letters home did not brag on a 100 ways to kill, but rather the thousands of ways he learned to preserve life and aid others from his training. He spoke of the privilege to be associated with men who shared his dedication and belief that freedom cannot merely be wished for, it must be earned from work.

Our former POWs endured months and years of isolation, torture, mental and physical abuse and not

knowing if they would ever see their loved ones again. The families of those POWs and MIAs must continue on and have endured years and decades of not knowing and no accountability of their loved ones.

You and I as free citizens need to honor this day by saying thank you to the former POWs we know, the family members of those still unaccounted for and by making sure that those still unaccounted for and those held prisoner and missing in action are not forgotten. These individuals are heroes, and they and their families continue to pay a price for freedom.

## 'Top of the Rock' run comes to Stewart-Hunter

### Special to the Frontline

The Fort Stewart Morale Welfare and Recreation Sports Office is excited to sponsor the "Top of the Rock Run", a 5K and 10K race that will start adjacent to Newman Fitness Center, building 439, 9 a.m., Oct. 4

There will be 10 different age categories in the 5 kilometer and 10K run for males and females to compete in which are as follows: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55 and over.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall winners of the 5K and 10K male and female finishers (not eligible for the age category trophies) and the top two finishers in the different age categories.

In addition to the 10K individual run, there will be a 10K team competition for company level only. Teams may have as many runners as they want, but must have a minimum of ten runners to start and finish the race in order to be eligible for a team trophy and partici-

pate in the team competition. Trophies in the team competition will be awarded to the first and second place teams.

Teams and individuals may register at the MWR Leisure Travel Office, building 443, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The last day for team registration is 6 p.m. Oct. 2. No teams will be accepted after this date. The cost for teams registering for the 10K team competition is \$15 per individual.

The last day to pre-register for individuals is 6 p.m. Oct. 3. Pre-registration cost for individuals for the 5K and 10K race is \$18. Individual registration will be available on the day of the race from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the race site for \$20.

T-shirts will be awarded to all runners.

For additional information, contact the Bennett Sports Office at 767-8238 or 767-8326.



## Always prepare for the worst, be Army Strong, Army Ready

**Pat Young**

Managing Editor

Although the threat of Hurricanes Gustov and Ike bypassed Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and the Southeast Georgia Area, community members are encouraged to remain "Army Ready" during the remaining Hurricane season, and beyond.

The term Army Ready, according to a recent Army News release Sept. 2, derives from a campaign where the Army, working with the Department of Homeland Security, tries to keep Soldiers, civilian employees, and their Families informed to prepare them for contingencies such as severe weather and man-made disasters like terrorism.

In that venue, community members are encouraged to stay alert for rapidly changing weather conditions and remain vigilant against terrorist attacks like those that happened Sept. 11, 2001. \*See related stories on Page 10A.\*

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Severe Weather guide found at [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil), advises no matter what the event, community members to stay prepared by making a plan, using a checklist, and practicing for contingencies.

The guide advises by maintaining accurate phone information, and keeping important information accessible, individuals can help keep themselves ready.

The guide also provides tips to reduce the threat of severe weather such as thunderstorms, high winds, hail and cloud-to-ground lightning. Individuals can mitigate the threat by moving inside, and staying

away from windows. Another major threat associated with storms is tornados. With winds that can reach in excess of 200 miles-per-hour, minor objects are turned into deadly projectiles.

Tornado warning sirens on the installation sound when a tornado is visually spotted and reported by a reliable source to the Installation Operation Center. The warning is a steady 15-second tone followed by a voice message "Tornado Warning" and a one minute civil siren. The warning is repeated twice. The "All Clear" signal is a 15-second tone followed by the "All Clear" message - this is repeated three times.

And with storms, flooding may also occur. Heavy rainfall can cause localized flooding in low-lying areas. Community should not drive through low-lying areas or around barricades. Individuals can be held liable if they endanger themselves and others. If a person's vehicle is partially submerged do not try to start the vehicle. If your car's muffler is under water, the water stands a chance of being sucked into the engine, which will seize the engine.

In the Sept. 2 Army Readiness release, Lt. Col. Trudy Leonard, Chief of the Personnel Contingency Cell for the Army G-1 said the bottom line was that preparedness increases the resiliency of America's fighting forces and supports Soldiers who are forward-deployed.

"We want our Soldiers downrange to feel comfortable that their Families are being taken care of at home," Leonard said.

So although their may not be an immediate threat, stay informed and always be "Army Ready."

## Marne Voices Speak Out

## What would you like to see at the upcoming Soldier Show?

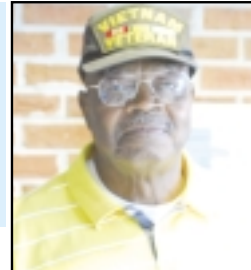
"I'd like to see singing and dancing."

**Bob Henning**  
AAFES



"More singing."

**Douglas Harris**  
Retired Army



"I'd like to see a variety of music."

**Trenicia Hawes**  
Family Member



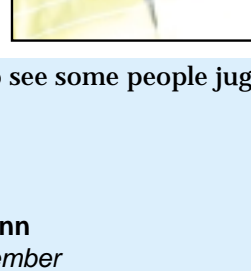
"I want to see more rock performances."

**2nd Lt. Benjamin Boxler**  
385th MP



"I'd like to see some people juggle."

**Nicole Penn**  
Family Member



"I haven't seen it yet, I'll let you know as soon as I do."

**Pvt Michael Bielby**  
MRC



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# Veterans' Corner *-Still serving*



## Jewish former POW from WWII tells his story

Lance Davis  
Public Affairs Specialist

World War II was one the most horrific periods in Jewish history. Nevertheless, Herman Cranman, one American Jewish man of many, had a sense of duty to serve his country in worldwide efforts to restore peace and freedom for all people.

Born and raised in Savannah, Cranman left Benedictine Military School in 1942 when he reached the age to qualify for enlistment in the Army Air Corps' Aviation Cadet Program.

"My ambition was to be a fighter pilot," said Cranman. "But I was classified to be a bombardier."

At the age of 19, Cranman graduated as a second lieutenant and a bombardier. He became part of a B-24 crew and was assigned to the 512th Squadron, 376th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force.

On July 14, 1944, Cranman was on his 34th mission. They had a mission to drop bombs over railroad targets in Budapest, Hungary. They were attacked by three German ME 109s.

"I saw puffs of black smoke and thought they had missed us," Cranman said.

The alarm bell rang, and Cranman knew that he'd have to jump because the pilot would soon jump out.

"This has got to be joke," he said.

Cranman and all but one crew member successfully parachuted from the aircraft.

"We never knew exactly what happened with him," he added.

The parachute jump was the first such experience Cranman had.

"This was one of the most frightening experiences ever in my life," said Cranman.

Cranman managed to hit the ground safely. He was captured by a group of Hungarian farmers.

"They surrounded me so I held my hands up and surrendered," explained Cranman. "The first thing they asked me was if I was a Jew."

Although they didn't ask him in English, he knew that was what they were asking.

"It was about 10 or 12 of them, and they had pitch forks pointed at me," he said. "Right then, I changed my religion and said no!"

Cranman was finally taken to Stalag Luft III near the small town of Sagan (now Zagan in Poland).



Courtesy photo

**Second Lieutenant Herman Cranman, 376th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force**

"It dawned on me that I was in captivity and had lost all my freedom," Cranman said. "What a terrible feeling!"

The prisoners were given very little food and water. Their meals consisted of two turnips one day and the greens from the turnips the next day.

"All we really had were each other," he added.

When the Germans evacuated Stalag Luft III, Cranman and about 10,000 other prisoners were brutally forced to march in subzero temperatures. They were finally loaded on rail cars and transported to Nuremberg, Germany.

"The days at Nuremberg were the worst experiences of my life," Cranman said. "We constantly suffered the pangs of hunger; we lived in filth and endured terrible loneliness and longed for our former life at home."

On April 4, 1945, Cranman was put on another forced march. This time it was to Moosburg, which was about 90 miles away.

"Knowing we were going to win was what kept us going."

Their final destination was Stalag VII-A, and it held a POW population of 50,000 prisoners.

After 10 months of being a prisoner of war, Cranman and the other prisoners were liberated by General Patton's Third Army a few days before the war ended in Europe.


According to Cranman, seeing the white flags of surrender throughout Germany was one of the best feelings he had had.

Cranman returned to Savannah and married Helen Schmalheiser. He was released from active duty with the rank of first lieutenant. Although he entered the insurance business, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, but he didn't do any fighting in the war. After 18 months of service as a captain in the Air Force, he returned to his business, Cranman Insurance.

He and his wife live in Savannah and have three children and eleven grandchildren.

Cranman's POW experience could have ended quickly and tragically had his religion been revealed. Like many others, he is here to tell his story. In spite of it all, he doesn't have any regrets.

"It was all worth it because freedom doesn't come for free," he said.



## Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### Splash Park Day for Kids @ Hunter

20 Sept., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Hunter Splash Park (adj to Hunter Club).  
CYS Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids event includes games, fun, food and giveaways. No charge.  
Open to all kids. See you at the Splash Park! 315-5708.

### Blues & Barbeque

20 Sept., 6 - 10 p.m.  
Bradwell Park, Downtown Hinesville  
Hinesville Area Arts Council and MWR in partnership sponsor a concert and barbeque.  
The Eric Culbertson Blues Band performs. Open to Military and public. Concert FREE.  
Barbeque and drinks vendors on site. For more information, call 767-6212.

### 2008 Army Soldier Show @ FS

24, 25 Sept., 7 p.m.  
Newman Fitness Center, Bldg 439  
See fellow active duty and Army National Guard Soldiers showcase their musical and theatrical talents. Part of production salutes 25 years of Soldier Shows under FMWR Command.  
Cast party 25 Sept. at 9 p.m., Club Stewart, open to everyone. Show is sponsored by U.S. Army National Guard, Freedom Team Salute, AT&T, and MWR. No U.S. Army endorsement is implied.  
For more information, call 767-6212 or 767-3031.

### FS GC Golf Scramble @ Taylors Creek

26 Sept., 8 a.m., Shotgun Start  
Taylors Creek Golf Course, Bldg 2150  
Early Bird Registration deadline 24 Sept.; \$30 members/\$35 non-members (75% of team must be paid prior to deadline). After deadline entry fee: \$35 members & \$40 non-members (includes tournament fee, golf cart, driving range balls, and (2) mulligan's). First 25 (4) person teams only.  
Open to all players. 767-2370 or mail to mmie.mcarthur@usarmymil

### National Family Day @ Corkan Recreation

26 Sept., 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Corkan Family Recreation Area  
Celebrate the day with a fun Family outing at any Corkan facility and receive 1/2 price off admission/games (except for Water Spray Park admission, snack bar or concession stand items).  
767-6708

### Gatlinburg Trip Registration Deadline @ FS & HAAF

26 Sept.  
Leisure Travel Offices  
Trip 10-12 Oct., depart FS and HAAF Leisure Activities Center for Westgate River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg, TN. Cost \$350 includes bus transportation and hotel room (up to 4 people).  
Hoot 'n' Holler Dinner and Show (optional) at each person's expense. For more information, call 767-28418609 (FS) or 315-3674 (HAAF).

### Jaguars vs Texans Football Trip

28 Sept., depart early morning  
Jacksonville, FL  
24 Sept., registration deadline. Trip 28 Sept., depart early morning from HAAF & FS Leisure Activities Centers for Jacksonville, FL. Come see Jacksonville and Houston battle it out on the field, game time 1 p.m. Cost \$47 (section 219) and \$38 (section 438) plus \$10 for round-trip bus transportation. For details, call 315-3674 (HAAF) or 767-8609 (FS).

### Tell Me A Story "Night Catch" @ HAAF

28 Sept., 3 p.m.  
School Age Services Center, Bldg 1289  
Initiative created to empower military children using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, sense of pride and accomplishment. Sign-up by 25 Sept. Limited Space. No charge. For reservations, contact Kerry Fuller @ (912) 877-6538.



# Soldiers learn new fighting tactics from a pro

**Pvt. Jared Eastman**  
*1st BCT Public Affairs*

“We’re going to take each one of these little thumbs, and we’re going right inside those eyes, guys. We’re going to gouge in, back, then up. Practice next to the eyes guys, we’re not doing this for real,” warns the instructor as Soldiers from 2nd

Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment split up to practice eye gouges during special combatives training taught by Greg Jackson, a mixed martial arts instructor for Ultimate Fighting Champion fighters at Caro Gym here, Sept. 8.

“Greg Jackson loves training people,” said Lt. Col. Kelly Crigger, program manager at the Defense Threat

Reduction Agency, and also author of a MMA book (Title Shot: Into the Shark Tank of Mixed Martial Arts), “He wanted to give back to the Army and maybe help save a life some day by giving these Soldiers a few nuggets of information.”

Jackson said he came to Stewart in appreciation of the Soldiers.

“The Soldiers give up their Families and their time, so the least I could do, or anyone else can do in this country, is give something back,” he said. “Martial arts knowledge is what I have and what I can give.”

“These Soldiers are a great bunch of guys,” said Jackson as Soldiers face-off behind him, battling for a dominant position. “They’re real laid-back, but they pay attention and they drill the moves.”

After each demonstration, the Soldiers break off to practice the move for around five minutes while Jackson walks around, inspecting each group and giv-

ing pointers.

“Fighters and Soldiers almost have the exact same kind of mentality, so it’s really easy for me to work with both groups,” said Jackson. “They are both very gung-ho and very physically gifted, so it makes my job a breeze. However, Soldiers have different priorities in a battle situation than a mixed martial arts fight, so you can use eye-gouging, biting and other techniques to aid in battle. Using techniques that aren’t commonly taught can help Soldiers in their main goal in a fight; to get up, get away, and get to their weapons.”

But they day didn’t start with combatives. Jackson also joined the Soldiers of 2/7 Inf. for physical training and a trip to the range.

“He’s never trained Soldiers before,” said Capt. Reza Shams, assistant S3 for 2/7. “So we had him do PT with us in the morning, took him out to the range to shoot the M4, and now he’s out here training our guys. It’s a good trade. We’ll train you on Army stuff, and you can train us how to fight.”

“A lot of the Soldiers look up to him, even though he’s not a fighter,” said Shams. “But he is the guy that trains all the big-time fighters who are doing good, so it’s a huge thing for the Soldiers to meet him and get to train with him like they are.”

“They’ve really given me the five-star treatment here,” said Jackson. “I got a chance to go out to the range and shoot some machine guns, so I’m really grateful for what they’ve done.”



Pvt. Jared Eastman

**Greg Jackson flips Spc. William Penfield, Co. A, 2/7th Inf., during his seminar on Mixed Martial Arts at Caro Gym.**

## CYSS

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“This is a tangible sign of delivering on the promise (of the Family Covenant) for active, Guard and Reserve Soldiers and their Families,” said Lucas. “Some schools have many military children and understand the pressures they face, but other schools only have a few military students in their classes. This is why we advocate for school liaisons to help school officials and parents help military youth make the transition.”

The ‘reflagging’ of Army Child and Youth Services to Army Child, Youth and School Services will need to be phased in across the Army. This is an important reminder to parents and students that the Army recognizes the challenges youth face and is actively addressing these issues. Recently distributed training or promotional materials will obviously still reflect the previous name. But as new material is developed and published, the required changes will be made.

Commensurate with this emphasis on school support initiatives, garrison commanders will want to introduce parents to the fact that new responsibilities reside in the ‘schools’ function of CYS Services at the garrison.

The scope of what is to be incorporated as part of the expanded mission (i.e., enhanced school liaison

and transition actions) is currently under development as part of a comprehensive Installation Management Command School Support Strategy.

“Although each school’s standards vary,” Lucas said, “as the Army transforms to an Expeditionary Force during this time of persistent conflict, teachers need to know that children will suddenly have to take time off to either say goodbye to their father or mother or welcome them home after a year or two overseas. In between, the wait can be stressful.”

The Army, through CYSS, will do all it can to mitigate those stressors and help our children cope through close cooperation with the school systems.

## FORMS

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“With the change to the January 2008 form, it allows Soldiers more control and flexibility with what happens to their benefits,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Aiton, 3rd ID G-1.

But Soldiers should be aware if any portion of the benefits are allotted to anyone other than the spouse. Then a certified letter will be sent to the spouse notifying him or her of this change, said Aiton.

# Ask the Judge: Take steps to avoid foreclosure

## Special to the Frontline

Foreclosure is a legal process in which a lender, such as a bank, repossesses and sells a home when the homeowner falls behind on payments to a loan secured by the home. The proceeds of the sale are first used to pay the expenses of the repossession and sale and are then used to pay the balance of the loan. If there is not enough left after the sale to pay the balance of the loan, the homeowner is responsible for paying the deficiency. There are several different types of foreclosure actions and foreclosure laws vary in each state.

According to a recent USA Today report, decreasing home values and rising adjustable interest rates have contributed to the over 1.2 million home foreclosures in the United States. The mortgage crisis has affected many servicemembers which has led military support and financial advocacy groups to field an increasing number of requests for assistance from servicemembers struggling to keep their homes.

Here are some tips provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for avoiding foreclosure. These tips can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm>.

### 1. Don't ignore the problem.

The further behind you become, the harder it will be to reinstate your loan and the more likely that you will lose your house.

### 2. Contact your lender as soon as you realize that you have a problem.

Lenders do not want your house. They have options to help borrowers through difficult financial times.

### 3. Open and respond to all mail from your lender.

The first notices you receive will offer good information about foreclosure prevention options that can help you weather financial problems. Later mail may include important notice of pending legal action. Your failure to open the mail will not be an excuse in foreclosure court.

### 4. Know your mortgage rights.

Find your loan documents and read them so you know what your lender may do if you can't make your payments. Learn about the foreclosure laws and timeframes in your state (as every state is different) by contacting the State Government Housing Office.

### 5. Understand foreclosure prevention options.

Valuable information about foreclosure prevention (also called loss mitigation) options can be found on the internet at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?\\_pageid=33,717348&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=33,717348&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

### 6. Contact a HUD approved housing counselor.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds free or very low cost housing counseling nationwide. Housing counselors can help you understand the law and your options, organize your finances and represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need this assistance. To find a HUD-approved housing counselor near you call (800) 569-4287 or TTY (800) 877-8339 or <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>.

### 7. Prioritize your spending.

After healthcare, keeping your house should be your first priority. Review your finances and see where you can cut spending in order to make your mortgage payment. Look for optional expenses (cable TV, memberships, entertainment) that you can eliminate. Delay payments on credit cards and other "unsecured" debt until you have paid your mortgage.

### 8. Use your assets.

Do you have assets (a second car, jewelry, a whole life insurance policy) that you can sell for cash to help reinstate your loan? Can anyone in your household get an extra job to bring in additional income? Even if these efforts don't significantly increase your available cash or your income, they demonstrate to your lender that you are willing to make sacrifices to keep your home.

### 9. Avoid foreclosure prevention companies.

You don't need to pay fees for foreclosure prevention help-use that money to pay the mortgage instead. Many for-profit companies will contact you promising to negotiate with your lender. While these may be legitimate businesses, they will charge you a hefty fee (often two or three month's mortgage payment) for information and services your lender or a HUD approved housing counselor will provide free if you contact them.

### 10. Don't lose your house to recovery scams!

If any firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may well be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home! Never sign a legal document without reading and understanding all the terms and getting professional advice from an attorney, a trusted real estate professional, or a HUD approved housing counselor.

Federal Assistance through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration FHASecure.

Phone number: 1-800-CALL-FHA (225-5342) or visit the website: [http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?\\_pageid=33,717446&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=33,717446&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

FHASecure is a refinancing option that gives homeowners with non-FHA adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), current or delinquent and regardless of reset status, the ability to refinance into a FHA-insured mortgage. With FHASecure, the lender will not automatically disqualify you because you are delinquent on your loan, and the lender may offer you a second mortgage to make up the difference between the value of your property and what you owe.

Assistance in Maryland through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's HOPE Program.

Phone number: 1-877-462-7555 or visit the website: <http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/Hope/Index.aspx>

Lifeline Refinance Mortgage Program provides a refinancing option to Maryland home owners who may be facing difficulties after financing their homes with adjustable rate or other unfavorable mortgages, or with mortgages that no longer fit their financial situation.

Bridge to Hope Loan Program is for homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulty caused by either a sub-prime or exotic mortgage that has, or is preparing to, reset. Department of Housing and Community Development's Bridge to HOPE Loan Program provides homeowners with a short-term gap loan to prevent foreclosure.

Homesaver refinance Program provides a refinancing option to Marylanders who have sub-prime or exotic mortgages and are experiencing difficulties as a result of mortgage default, low credit scores and/or a mortgage greater than the current value of their home.

Assistance through Army Legal Assistance and Army Community Service.

To make an appointment with an attorney from the Legal Assistance, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to discuss foreclosure actions call 767-8809 or visit building 621, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions about financial management and debt counseling can be directed to the installation Financial Readiness Program Manager, Army Community Service by calling 767-5058.

**Editors Note:** *Contributions by Katherine L. Ingram OSJA.*

## Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Michael Otto Shiver**, Co. D, 1/30 Inf., 2nd BCT, contact 1st Lt. Bryan Deminico, HHC, 3/69 Armor, at 767-2634.

# Education Matters



## College term dates announced

Enrollment is underway for both on-post and distance learning classes. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information. Education counselors are available at Fort Stewart's Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center and Hunter Army Airfield Education Center.

*Central Texas College* – 767-2070 at Stewart, or 315-4090 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13

*Columbia College* – 767-5336 at Stewart, or 352-8635 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13

*Embry Riddle* – 767-3930 at Stewart, or 352-5252 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 14

*Savannah Tech* – 408-2430. Sept. 26 through Dec. 18

*Webster University* – 767-5357 at Stewart, or 354-0033 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 11

## Savannah Tech information sessions held

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college, certificate, diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday, 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart.

The following sessions are scheduled: Surgical Technology, Sept. 23; and Emergency Medical Technician, Oct. 7.

Savannah Tech's next term will be Sept. 26 through Dec 16. Some of the classes are held at the education center, and some are held at the Savannah Tech campus on Airport Road. For more information, go to [www.savannahtech.edu](http://www.savannahtech.edu) and [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact the Savannah Tech Campus in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah at 443-5700.

## New e-mail provided for counselors support

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop email address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at [stewcounselor@conus.army.mil](mailto:stewcounselor@conus.army.mil).

## VA announces online claims applications

Effective immediately, Veteran Affairs will now process applications received through its online application Web site without the claimant's signature. The electronic application will be sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits. VONAPP, [www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm](http://www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm) is a Web-based system

that benefits both internal and external users. Veterans, active duty, survivors and other claimants seeking compensation, pension, education, or vocational rehabilitation benefits can apply electronically without the constraints of location, postage cost, and time delays in mail delivery. For more information about VA benefits and GI Bill updates, go to VA's Web site at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call their toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000.

## Take GED enrichment courses

General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center.

The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills. The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail [ccoleman@savannahtech.edu](mailto:ccoleman@savannahtech.edu).

## Free, discounted courses available

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouse of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom "in seat" course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. It is not necessary for the active duty member to be a Columbia College student. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for "in-seat" classes only to spouses of active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel. For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides, visit [www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp](http://www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp). Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

## College classes for Warriors offered

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails. To

enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online.

Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit will be temporarily served at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331. Soldiers stationed at Hunter can contact Fay Ward at the Education Center, building 1290 or call 315-6130. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

## Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

## Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

## Evening Teaching Seminars Scheduled

Program information sessions geared toward Georgia Troops to Teachers Program candidates are being offered by Armstrong Atlantic State University. The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Programs, will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the AASU Master of Arts in Teaching program.

The M.A.T. allows those eligible individuals to pursue a graduate degree and obtain initial teacher certification in Georgia. The sessions will be held at 5 p.m. at the Sgt 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, Bldg 100. Choose from the following dates - Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, please contact Dr. Don Stumpf, Director of Teacher Education Programs: 877-1910 or [Don.Stumpf@armstrong.edu](mailto:Don.Stumpf@armstrong.edu).



Get tuition allowance

In preparation for the beginning of a new fiscal year, Soldiers must heed the following guidance concerning use of end-of-year Army Tuition Assistance:

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30 must be requested in GoArmyEd on or before midnight, Sept. 25. Attempts to enroll in courses after midnight, Sept. 25 will not be approved.

This enrollment cut-off is necessary to allow for the fiscal year change-over. This enrollment cut-off has no impact on registration for courses starting Oct. 1 or later, fiscal year 2009 enrollments.

For information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter. All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year available for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits offered by the Veterans Administration. Details on this and other programs and education opportunities are covered at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223.

**CES training made available**

The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more, visit online at [www.amscl.belvoir.army.mil/ces](http://www.amscl.belvoir.army.mil/ces).

**Apply for the HOPE Grant**

The Georgia HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students

with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family Member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible.

If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center to speak with a counselor, or visit online at [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org).

**Spouse scholarship slated**

Central Texas College will provide free tuition for up to 30 semester hours in one year, for spouses of Purple Heart recipients. Scholarship applications are being accepted now. To verify eligibility, qualifying spouses must present a copy of the military member's Department of Defense Form 214 or orders reflecting the award of a Purple Heart since September 2001; marriage license, Department of Defense identification card or other type of photo ID. The scholarship covers in or out-of-state tuition and mandatory fees.

More information is available on the CTC Web site at [www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses](http://www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses). The scholarship application will be available online and at all CTC locations; Fort Stewart, 876-4045 or Hunter, 315-4095. In addition to tuition scholarships, CTC's textbook partner, MBS Direct will offer free books to qualifying spouses.

**Capella University visits**

A representative from Capella University will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 25 in room 108 at the Sgt 1st Class Paul R Smith Army Education Center. For information, contact Rick Brown, 1-888-227-3552 ext. 4203.

ERAU hours change

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Fort Stewart has a new representative, Kenyetta Northcutt, the Assistant Director of Academic Support. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Her office is in room 136, within the Savannah Tech area of the Sgt 1st Class Paul R Smith Army Education Center, building 100.

Embry Riddle is not just aviation. Northcutt can meet with you to discuss all their programs, particularly concentrations in management, logistics and occupational safety and health. Visit [www.erau.edu/savannah](http://www.erau.edu/savannah) or call 767-0339 for more information. You may also contact Jennifer Furlong at Hunter, 355-0644.

**STT briefings slated**

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse-to-Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. The meeting are scheduled for 10 a.m., Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information, visit online at [www.tttga.net](http://www.tttga.net) and [www.sttga.net](http://www.sttga.net) or call 1-800-745-0709.

**Daytime courses open**

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour


daytime college classes that you can complete in just one week.

Classes meet for three hours and are available during the mornings or afternoons. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for

General studies, computers and management degrees begin Sept. 22 . Stress management begins at 9 p.m. and database applications meets at 1 p.m. at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, building 100.

Active duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. For a list of future courses go to your education center or call CTC at 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181at Hunter.

BE SMART - DO YOUR PART!!



There are only 48 days left to Election Day. There is still time to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. See your unit voting assistance officer or contact the Voting Assistance Office at 1-866-743-5733 for assistance.

October 12 thru October 18, 2008 is Absentee Voters Week. This week will be dedicated to reminding individuals to mail their Absentee Ballots in time to be counted for the General Election.

Upcoming Events

Sesame Street comes to Stewart

Big Bird, Cookie Monster and some of their Sesame Street friends are coming to Newman Fitness Center at Fort Stewart for four free performances. The dates and times: Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 11 at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.

**Great MWR Yard Sale opens soon**

The Great MWR Yard Sale is getting closer. The big event will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 25.

Vendors (active duty, Family Members, retirees, and DOD Civilians) interested in selling must register by calling 767-8238 at Stewart or 315-2019 at Hunter.

Remember, post housing residents may take advantage of this opportunity and register to sell in the housing area.

Goodwill will be available for donated items from 2-5 p.m. and there will be a non-appropriated fund excess property sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Fall Fest on track**

Get ready for lots of Family fun in the annual Morale Welfare and Recreation Fall Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 1 across from Club Stewart in the open grass area at the intersection of Hero Rd. and 6th St..

Plan on joining MWR for a fun afternoon, and at Club Stewart there will be an OSC bazaar.

If you attended last year's, you will not want to miss this year's Family Fall Fest.

For details, call 767-4316 or 767-8609.



# Communities show strength in remembrance

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As if responding to a fire drill, children poured from classrooms in the minutes leading up to the 8:30 a.m. event. They gathered as one massive group around the flag pole, then Co.'s first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Mary Gagum-Brown, marched her unit directly up to the children's formation. Stone welcomed the students and the Soldiers then carefully chose his words to explain the circumstances of the occasion. He told the children that seven years ago some "bad people" came to this country and "hurt" a lot of Americans. He explained that because of what the bad people did that day, their dads and moms sometimes have to go away for long periods of time, so they can protect this country and prevent the bad people from harming Americans again.

Brittin music teacher, Mario Bertoluzzi, served as bugler, playing reveille as the flag detail raised Old Glory to the top of the flag

pole. Soldiers rendered salutes as several children pressed little hands over their hearts. The flag was then appropriately lowered to half mast, in memory of the nearly 3,000 victims of 9/11. Stone explained the significance of lowering the flag, saying this was America's way of honoring all those Americans whom the bad people hurt that day.

After saying this, 3rd grade teacher Sarah Baker sang the National Anthem as Soldiers saluted and some children placed their hands over their hearts. Perhaps many of the children did not fully understand the importance of the ceremony, but all participated with disciplined patience.

Though they may never understand why bad people do hurtful things, they exude a sense of pride, perhaps because they know their Soldier-parents protect this country from bad people.



Photos by Randy Murray

*Soldiers from Company C, WTU salute the flag as it's lowered to half mast during a special 9/11 ceremony held at Brittin Elementary School, Sept. 11.*



*Third grade teacher Sarah Baker sang the National Anthem after the flag was brought to half mast.*



*Brittin Elementary School principal, Dr. Ford Stone, carefully explains the circumstances of commemorating the tragic events of 9/11 to his students, who participated in a flag ceremony with Soldiers from Company C, WTU, Sept. 11.*



*Brittin Elementary music teacher, Mario Bertoluzzi, plays reveille during a special 9/11 flag ceremony held at the school, Sept. 11. Soldiers from Company C, WTU also participated in the ceremony. The school is named in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Brittin, a Medal of Honor Soldier.*

## Freedom Walk held at Lyman Hall

**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
4th BCT Public Affairs

To honor those who died and to show their support for the military, students from Hinesville's Lyman Hall Elementary School participated in a Freedom Walk and ceremony, Sept. 11 in the school's parking lot.

Students, along with city officials and Soldiers from 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment and 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, held a ceremony then a walk to honor those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and for those currently serving in the military.

"Today, Lyman Hall had a Freedom Walk in remembrance of Sept. 11," said Capt. Aaron Price, assigned to 6/8 Cavalry. "We're here to have a ceremony, place a wreath, and walk around the school."

During the ceremony, four students from Lyman Hall raised the flag to half mast in remembrance. Soldiers from 6/8 Cavalry laid a wreath in honor of those who have died also during the ceremony. Lyman Hall's principal, Claire Blanchard, spoke to those in attendance during the ceremony about coming together after such tragedy



Spc. Amanda McBride

*Soldiers with the 6/8 Cav. and 1/64 Armor observe the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 with students and faculty of Lyman Hall Elementary School, Sept. 11.*

and being one nation and one school together.

Following the ceremony, students from every grade throughout the school walked with Soldiers and city officials around the school in a Freedom Walk.

Due to rain, the complete walk couldn't be finished, but the ceremony was moved to the gymnasium and continued there. Prior to the ceremony, Soldiers from 6/8 Cavalry served breakfast to student before school start. The Soldiers also sat and talk to the students during breakfast.

"We wanted to be the first one's the children saw when they came in," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Gill, assigned to 6/8 Cavalry. "So we decided to serve breakfast and also eat breakfast with the kids."

For the Soldiers that were present at Lyman Hall, the ceremony had a special meaning to them. Also for the Soldiers of 6/8 Cavalry have an extra special bond to Lyman Hall and its students. The Soldiers in 6/8 Cavalry have adopted Lyman Hall

Elementary through the Fort Stewart Adopt-a-School Partnership.

"To our unit it means a lot," Gill said. "A lot of the kid's fathers and mothers are in the military, and we wanted to show the kids we're here to support them."

## Bradwell students join community honoring our heroes past, present

**Pat Young**  
Managing Editor

Waking up on Sept. 11 has both a real and symbolic meaning in America following the events in 2001, as four attacks on the nation's sovereignty opened the nations eyes to terrorism.

On Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield joined with Soldiers and Family Members on-post and off to remember the attack that occurred that fateful morning, which marked the death of more than 3,000 civilians, emergency responders, and subsequent sacrifice of 414 Soldiers remembered at Warrior's Walk - and their Families.

Four moments of silence were times which corresponded to four separate attacks in 2001. The first moment was held at 8:46 a.m. when the first plane struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. The second moment was held at 9:02 when the second plane struck the south tower - confirming to the nation that this was not a terrible accident, but a deliberate attack. The third moment of silence was held at 9:43, in memory of the attack on the Pentagon. The last moment came at 10:11 a.m. and recognized the civilians who died when the fourth plane crashed, which fell to earth premature of its apparent Washington D.C. target, in the fields of Pennsylvania.

Following the moments of silence, the installation played taps, a mournful bugle performance traditionally played in recognition of loss, and lowered the flag to half mast. But recognition of those events didn't end on Stewart, Hunter or Kelley Hill, but extended to the installation's community partners on-post and off.

In Hinesville, a Marne representative, Lt. Col. Nestor Colls, 4th Brigade Combat Team rear detachment commander, who served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, was guest speaker at Bradwell Institutes' Sept. 11 observance ceremony. Colls recalled the moments of Sept. 11 and noted the impact it had in America, at home and across the world. He said those present were young, but regardless felt the impact the event had in their communities and with their Families.

Many of the children at Bradwell were the children of military like Chantelle Ballard, a 12th grader and child of retired military servicemember Lewis Ballard, who broadcasted the 9/11 event for Tiger Television to the more than 2,000 students across the Bradwell campus.

Like Ballard, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Commander, Cadet Lt. Col. Brian Hester recalled Sept. 11, 2001. He was stationed at Fort Benning with his step-father, Sgt. Trent Pundsack, who is now assigned to the 92nd Engineer Battalion.

"I was in the fifth grade there," Hester said. "I didn't fully understand what was happening. But I began to realize the severity as we went back to post and I saw the traffic delays getting on-post."

The Bradwell event featured a performance by its Jr. ROTC cadets, color guard, joined by the school's band and choir which sang, "Let there be peace."

Senior Military Instructor Col. Ken Koetz said the event, which is held annually, was particularly significant knowing so many of the students were children of military, and knowing the sacrifice the Soldiers made in the Global War on Terrorism, and continue to make in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It's important to remember the servicemembers who are making the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terrorism," Koetz said. "It's significant that Lt. Col. Colls is speaking today, as he is a veteran of Iraqi Freedom."

As the ceremony finished Jr. ROTC cadet Private Trashawn Carmelengo, performed Taps, echoed by band member Young Shin Kim, which left the song resonating down the school's hall.





## Faces of the DES - Melissa Powell



Melissa Powell

### Special to the Frontline

Melissa Powell was born in Orlando, Fla. but grew up in Atlanta, Ga. She was an military police officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed at Quantico, Va.

Powell is married to a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier and has been with him to Fort Bragg, N.C.; Germany; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Huachuca, Ariz. While residing at Fort Campbell, Melissa

worked as a Department of the Army Civilian police officer. While her husband was stationed at Fort Huachuca, they were both enrolled in various college courses.

Powell has three children – two girls and one boy.

As you can see, she comes from a family with a military heritage and history of serving their country.

Powell's hobbies and interests include gardening, reading and taking college courses.

## Get ready for the Soldier Show



The 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which showcases the talents of active duty and National Guard Soldiers from throughout the Army is coming to Fort Stewart's Newman Fitness Center at 7 p.m., Sept. 24 and 25.

A cast party will be held 9 p.m., Sept. 25 at Club Stewart. The party is open to everyone.

Don't miss the singing, dancing, sights and sounds! For more information, call 767-6212 or 767-3031.

# Report crime in your neighborhood

### Special to the Frontline

Have you ever seen someone hit another person and you just walked away, or you were not sure of what to do? Have you ever noticed a person near your neighbor's house who you have not seen before then told yourself "It's ok, it must be a friend" and done nothing about it? Have you seen someone taking pictures of gates, buildings, or taking notes around post then justified it as a person who works on post, and done nothing? Have you ever had one of your children tell you that one of his friends broke a window of a neighbor's house then told your child not to worry about it or just ignored them and did not report it?

All the above incidents have happened here on post or in your neighborhood off post. Most of the time someone has witnessed the crime occur and done nothing about it. Just remember, you could one day be that victim. The longer it takes for the police to be notified, the less likely it will be that the police can solve the crime.

So, what can you do as a citizen to help your neighbor? You can and should get to know your neighbors and know what is normal and what is not normal on your street and in your neighborhood. If you notice something that does not look right, or you see a crime happening, stop what you are doing, call the police

immediately and report it.

Here are a few tips on how to report a crime in progress:

1. Be sure you are out of harms way.
2. Call 911 and state in a clear and calm voice the nature of the emergency.
3. Stay on the phone until you are told to hang up by the operator.
4. Follow all directions given to you by the operator.
5. Tell the operator what you see: give a good description of the individuals involved (height, race, age, type and color of clothes he or she is wearing)
6. If a vehicle is involved, give a description of the vehicle: license plate number, color, type of vehicle, year, make or model.
7. Tell the operator the location by using address or street names.
8. If the person leaves the scene then try to give his or her direction of travel and method of travel. (by vehicle, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, moped, etc.)
9. Do not confront any individuals involved. Call the police. Let the Law Enforcement Officer handle all of the confrontations.

Be "Army Ready," be aware and remember that crimes in progress have a higher priority of response by the police than crimes that have happened in the past.

## — Shop of the Marne —

The Shop of the Marne holds its fall open house, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 18 at building 25 behind the post exchange. Stop in to see Spookyville and get some treats.

Also, applications are being accepted for the OSC holiday bazaar; call 445-0186.



## Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

### Civilian employee fitness sign-up extended

Newman and Tominac Fitness Centers have extended sign-up for the Civilian Employee Fitness Program, which began Sept. 8 and runs through Dec. 11 from 3-4 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at both Fort Stewart at Newman Fitness Center, building 439; and Hunter Army Airfield at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919.

Civilian employees are invited to get into peak condition through the Civilian Employee Fitness Program designed to provide comprehensive, "self-paced" fitness regimen encompassing health, well-being and physical fitness. No charge. Call 767-3031 at Stewart or 315-2019 at Hunter.

### Seasonal hours set for Corkan facilities

Fall and winter operating hours went into effect at Corkan Family Recreation Area facilities, Sept. 2 and will continue until May 29. The new, seasonal hours are:

- *Stewart Lanes*, building 450 - Monday through Thursday, Sunday and holidays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday,
- *Corkan Family Fun Center*, building 449 - 3 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 3 to 11 p.m. each Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday and holidays
- *Cypress Sam's Treehouse*, building 449 - 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Monday through Sunday.
- *Cypress Creek Adventure Golf* - 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

- "The Springs" Water Spray Park - Monday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Sept. 30. Closed for season after Sept. 30. For more information, call 767-6708, 767-4273, or 767-9884.

### Join teen after school program

Registration is under way for the middle school/teen after school programs at Fort Stewart, building 7338 and Hunter Army Airfield, building 1289 youth centers. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. The programs meet after school at the youth centers. On school holidays or half days, the programs start at noon. Parents or guardians must fill out a bus request at their child's school to have a stop at the youth center buildings. For more details, call 767-4491 at Stewart or 315-5708 Hunter.

### Before-after-school program announced

Registration is under way for School Age Service before and after school program at Fort Stewart, building 6571 and Hunter Army Airfield, building 1289. The program is available for children entering the first through fifth grade. Open at 6 a.m. until the school bus picks children up and returns children, and closes at 6 p.m. Fees are based on Family income. There is no extra charge for school holidays or half days. Closed all federal holidays. Parents must fill out a bus request at

their child's school to have a stop at the SAS building. Hunter transportation motor pool bus from Pulaski stops at the SAS building. Fun and educational programs, computer labs and homework help are offered. Breakfast and a snack will be served. For more details, call 767-2312 at Stewart or 315-5708 at Hunter.

### Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at Special Forces recruiting office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, room 25. Physical training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donovan Parade Field. The uniform is the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

### Support for RAB sought

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities.

If you are interested in completing the survey, have any specific questions about the survey or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Stewart-Hunter, please contact Algeana Stevenson at 315-5144 or via e-mail at [algeana.stevenson@us.army.mil](mailto:algeana.stevenson@us.army.mil).

## Stewart

### Road to close

East Washington Ave. will be closed for utility and roadway construction from Bradwell St. (north) to Bradwell St. (south), now though Oct. 2. East Washington Ave. between Bradwell St. (south) and Highway 84 will remain closed until the above mentioned segment of roadway has been completed; upon which both segments will be reopened to thru traffic.

### Traffic delays expected

Contractors will be installing serpentine gates at Gate 1 and Gate 5 today. Expect slight delays and also use extreme caution when entering gates. For more information, call Teddy Kelley at 767-0226

### Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir will rehearse at the Brewton-Parker auditorium in Hinesville, 7 p.m. each Tuesday. If you would like to sing with this choir, contact 977-5918 or email [judith.forsee@us.army.mil](mailto:judith.forsee@us.army.mil); or call Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 ext. 209.

Opportunities are available for the community chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The season continues through Sept. 2009.

### Support Hispanic Heritage Club

The Hispanic Heritage Club, a Georgia non-profit organization, will conduct a Family day and fund raiser Sept. 20 from noon to 6 p.m., at the Army Community Service's pavilion area, next to the post exchange on Fort Stewart. Entertainment and typical food for sale will be available. E-mail [hispanicheritageclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hispanicheritageclub@yahoo.com) for more information or to volunteer or participate.

### Outdoor recreation under renovation

Due to ongoing construction at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center, building 8325 at Holbrook Pond Area, the center's office has moved to a trailer adjacent to the facility. The office is open and operating at their normal hours of operation. The phone lines have not be transferred to the temporary offices. Please call 767-8609 for rental, RV storage and campground needs.

## Hunter

### Savannah Marines hold golf classic

Sign up now for the Sept. 22 Savannah Marine's 4th annual golf classic at the Southbridge Golf Club. Fees are \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Fee includes green fees, cart and range balls. begins at 8 a.m.; shotgun start at 9 a.m. Call Chris Wiley at 351-0242 or (843) 263-4312 for information.

### Smart car care classes available

Visit Hunter Auto Crafts every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. to learn basic, do-it-yourself automotive techniques and safety tips. The class is free! For more information, call 315-6244.

### HSC golf classic scheduled

Don't miss the Oct. 17 golf tournament, sponsored by the Hunter Spouses' Club. The 8 a.m. shotgun start is followed by an all-American cookout and awards ceremony. Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

For additional information, contact Erin Wallace at 308-0105 or [EEK316@nc.rr.com](mailto:EEK316@nc.rr.com).

### Hunter GC Golf Scramble

The Hunter Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble will be held at the Hunter Golf Club, building 8205, Friday. Play begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. Early Bird registration deadline is today. Cost is \$30 members/\$35 non-members. After-deadline entry fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 315-9115.

### Racquetball Tournament slated

Registration begins Sept. 22 and closes Oct. 15 for a single elimination Racquetball Tournament to be played at Tominac Fitness Center. For more information, call 315-2019 or email [eli.wilson1@us.army.mil](mailto:eli.wilson1@us.army.mil).





## Looking for employment?

Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

*Child and Youth Program Assistant* (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour

*Recreation Aid* - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour

*Operations Assistant* - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour

*Cook* - \$8.70 per hour

*Hotel Desk Clerk* - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour

*Cashier* - \$8 per hour

*Custodial Worker* - \$7.72 per hour

*Waiter/Waitress (Trainee)* - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour

*Food Service Worker* - \$7.17 per hour

*Bartender* - \$8.70 per hour

*Laborer* - \$7.72 per hour

To search for these positions, go to [cpol.army.mil](http://cpol.army.mil); click on Employment; click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement, type in SCNAFDW% then click on "Get Announcement" or hit the enter key.

## Did you know?

- You don't have to be a US Citizen to be employed by non-appropriated funds.
- Spouse eligibility placement can be used multiple times for employment in "flexible" status positions.
- You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position, NAF, or appropriated funds.
- There is a hiring preference in NAF for Involuntarily Separated Military Members and their eligible Family Members.
- Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (Government Service or Wage Grade) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army (under the Department of Defense/Office of Professional Management interchange agreement).
- Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and State of Georgia Child Labor Laws.
- NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire up to 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's

degrees in certain MWR specialties.

- Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to [www.armymwr.biz](http://www.armymwr.biz) and click on Programs for more information.
- Eligible employees who move between DOD NAF positions and APF positions in any agency can "port" certain benefits such as retirement, leave, service credit, etc.

Collection Dates  
Sept. 22  
through  
Dec. 1



## TRASH TO TREASURE "Bicycle Recycling Drive"

If you would like to donate a bike that has suffered from neglect, gently used, or no longer desired - now is the time to make a difference and keep bikes out of the landfills!

Donated bikes will be recycled directly back into our community. Bike or bike parts having very little value as bicycles, will be stripped of all recycled parts and disposed of appropriately. For more information about the bicycle recycling drive, please contact DPW - Waste Management Section at 767-8880/6573.

Collection times: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday

Fort Stewart  
Recycling Center  
building 957, McFarland Ave.

Hunter Army Airfield  
Recycling Center  
building 726, Westley Ave.

## Balfour Beatty Communities

### Shine bright in the limelight

Do you have a hidden talent that you would like to show off? Well, now is your chance! We'll provide the stage; you provide your act. Contestants will be divided into three age groups. So, all ages are encouraged to participate.

Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, or \$50 will be awarded to the winners. Pizza will be served following the show. Even if you're not participating, please come out and support your friends and neigh-

bors. Deadline to enter is today.

On Fort Stewart, the show will be 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Southern Oaks Community Center. The Hunter event will be 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 30 at the leasing office. To enter the talent show or for more information, call Amber Humphries at 408-2478 or email [ahumphries@bbcgrp.com](mailto:ahumphries@bbcgrp.com).

### Huddles scheduled

Be an active part of your community

by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with Balfour Beatty Communities. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live! The Stewart events will be Sept. 22 for Marne Woods at the playground between St. Tropez and Fedala, Sept. 25 for Bryan Village North at the playground across from Brittin Elementary, and Sept. 29 for Bryan Village South at the playground across from Brittin Elementary.

On Hunter the huddles are 10:30 to 11 a.m., Friday at new Gannam; Friday at new Savannah; and Sept. 26 for New Callaway.

They will be located at the leasing office for Wilson Acres and New Gannam; and New Savannah-New Callaway Community Center for their respective communities. All huddles will be held 10:30 to 11 a.m. on their respective days.

### Expo/Information Fair slated

Hosted by Army Community Service, this exposition is a great opportunity to learn about all the wonderful services our agencies on post have to offer.

We will be there with information and fun.



# Resource company helps Kalsu troops get mail

**Spc. Justin Snyder**  
*4th BCT Public Affairs*

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq** - When Soldiers are deployed, they rely on the little things in life to get them through tough days. One of the biggest morale boosters is receiving mail.

"Every day, I look forward to hopefully getting mail," said Spc. Rachael Nolan, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "It keeps me going and lets me know that the people at home are thinking of me."

The responsibility of getting the mail

to the Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Kalsu lies in the hands of the Soldiers of the 408th Human Resources Command and the Kellogg Brown and Root employees working in the mail room.

"It's our job to receive the mail, process the mail and get it out to the Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Marva Callender, 408th HRC and a native of Brentwood, N.Y.

Receiving mail from the U.S. can take anywhere from 10-15 days. The mail will make stops in Kuwait, Talil and finally, at FOB Kalsu. Within 24 hours of its arrival, the mail is sorted and ready to be delivered. Sgt. Jason Jones, 408th HRC, said

that it is important that the mail gets to the Soldiers in a timely matter.

"We get tons of calls a day asking if the mail has arrived yet," said Jones, a native of Bronx N.Y. "It's a huge morale booster for everyone so we try and get it out there quick."

The mail room also takes care of sending outgoing packages for Soldiers. KBR employees inspect the package and make sure it is ready for delivery prior to sending anything.

The whole process is done with careful oversight by the 408th Soldiers.

"We kind of oversee the whole process, making sure regulations are followed and everything is done safely,"

said Sgt. Floyd McGruter, 408th HRC. "The KBR workers do a great job and pretty much walk the Soldier through everything."

McGruter said they have a great working relationship, and it helps things get done smoothly. He said he feels that their job is one of the most important in helping the Soldiers accomplish their mission.

"Our job ranks pretty high in importance," said McGruter, a native of Harlem, N.Y. "Mail is something that every Soldier looks forward to, and it keeps families connected. I don't know anyone who doesn't like to receive mail."

# Interactive customer evaluations help give customers options

**Alana Olson**  
*Plans, Analysis and Integration*

Community members at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield may hear of a term called ICE – a program where they can use to help their voice be heard.

ICE, or the Interactive Customer Evaluation, is a Web-based system that allows customers to submit comments about the services provided on the installation.

When you submit a comment, it

goes directly to that service provider for resolution, and you can request a response from that service provider. The system also provides satisfaction reports for all services, which are reviewed by the garrison commander and are incorporated into the quality management boards. This is done to ensure concerns are being addressed and resolved in a timely manner. Recently, the ICE spectrum has been broadened to include paper comment card submission. Look for the black comment boxes in buildings through-

out post. If you would like to submit a comment online, visit the ICE Web site at *ice.disa.mil*. In addition to the comment boxes and online submission, you can use the kiosks to submit ICE comments. Kiosks are located in high-traffic areas such as the education center, commissary at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Club Stewart or the Hunter Club, Rocky's, and the 2nd Lt. Audie Murphy Soldier Service Center to name a few. ICE provides descriptions of the service providers to ensure your comment is going to the

right place. However, if you cannot determine to which service provider to submit your comment, you can choose to submit it to the general comments area. The customer service officer will review your comment and get it to the right place to be resolved. Use ICE to express your concerns or to applaud a job well done. It's always nice to hear about those who are providing excellent customer service! If you have questions regarding about ICE? Contact the CSO, Alana Olson, at 767-8781 or *alana.olson@us.army.mil*.

# Defense Army University Learning Center offers new continuous education programs

**Special to the Frontline**

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the Department of Defense requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years.

The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the AT&L community.

The DAU would like to introduce the following Continuous Learning Modules – now on line. The number of continuous learning points are listed per module. You can register for these CLMs at *clc.dau.mil*.

- New Modules:**
- Introduction to Small Business Programs (FAC 031) 4 CLPs
  - Parts Management Executive Overview (CLL 206) 1.5 CLP
  - Green Procurement (CLC 046) 2 CLPs
  - Reliability Centered Maintenance (CLL 030) 2 CLPs
  - Electronic Subcontract Reporting System (CLC 054) 1.5 CLP
- Modules also available**
- Condition Based Maintenance (CLL 029)
  - Technical Refreshment Implementation (CLL 119)

- Testing in a Joint Environment (CLE 029)
  - Forecasting Techniques (CLB 026)
  - Joint Logistics (CLL 016)
  - Logistics for the Rest of Us (CLL 004)
  - Export Controls (CLL 048)
  - Introduction to Probability and Statistics (CLE 035)
- Register for continuous learning resources**
- Get general information online at *clc.dau.mil*, browse modules at *learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Clc.jsp*; and register for continuous learning modules online at *earn.dau.mil/html/clc/Register.jsp*.
- For questions, contact Debbie Johnson at (478) 926-9409, *debbie.johnson@dau.mil*; or Donna Casey at (478) 988-6800, ext. 3005, *donna.casey@dau.mil*.



# Suicide: Don't let it be the answer

**Capt. Josh Tomchesson**  
4th BCT Public Affairs

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq** – You don't have to be best friends or a relative of someone who kills themselves for a suicide to have an impact on you.

Several years ago, I learned something interesting about the impact of suicide. A young college freshman told me that a fellow classmate had committed suicide a few days earlier. After listening intently as my patient answered questions about his symptoms, his background and his concerns, it was my turn.

I thought to myself, "This young man is in grieving for the loss of his friend."

I began, in an empathetic tone, "Well, when we lose a friend it can be difficult." For the next few minutes we discussed grief and loss; I explained the stages of grief, and tried to help him feel comfortable with his distress.

Then my patient surprised me. "No, Dr. Tomchesson, you don't understand," he said. "He wasn't my friend. I barely knew the guy, and honestly, I didn't really like him much."

The patient was puzzled about why he was so affected by the death of this casual acquaintance. Over the course of the therapy sessions, we discussed several concerns. He described feeling guilty for the way he treated the individual and for not trying harder to be friendly to him. He wondered what he could have done differently that might have made a difference for this individual. He questioned the meaning of life and death and the meaning of suicide, and how the individual's death impacted his Family and friends.

As for me, I wondered why this patient was so deeply troubled by a person he didn't know well, someone he didn't even like.

How can one person's suicide affect someone who so distantly knows another?

Over the years, if there is one thing I have learned about suicide, it is that the direct and indirect impact of suicide is staggering. If a suicide can affect a stranger, how devastating must it be for a friend, co-worker or a team member?

According to the most recent statistics available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide represented the third leading cause of death in the United States for individuals between the ages of 15-24 and the second leading cause for individuals between the ages of 25-34 in 2005. Suicide rates are reported as the number of self-inflicted deaths per 100,000 people in order to make meaningful comparisons. The overall suicide rate in the U.S was estimated to be 11 per 100,000 – that's almost one suicide every 16 minutes.

Unfortunately, Soldiers are not exempt from this tragedy. Suicide remains one of the leading causes of death for U.S. Soldiers. In 2007, the Army suicide rate was 17.6 per 100,000. In 2006, the suicide rate was 17.3 suicides per 100,000 Soldiers – a significant increase from 12.8 per 100,000 in 2005. Army statistics suggest certain risk factors remain consistent: Caucasian, males, E-5 or below, between the ages of 17-25 are at the greatest risk for completed suicide. These factors are likely not a coincidence; this group makes up the largest proportion of the U.S. Army's population.

The most common method of suicide used was

firearms. Relationship problems, occupational difficulties and legal or administrative actions remain significant risk factors for suicide in the Army. To date, the Army suicide rate for 2008 is not improving. It is estimated that the rate per 100,000 will be higher than last year, although official numbers have not yet been released.

However, all is not lost. There is evidence that a community-based approach can be effective in reducing suicidal behaviors. A community based approach means that suicide is not simply a combat stress or mental health clinic issue. A community emphasis places responsibility on the individual Soldiers, units and leadership to take an active role when an individual is in distress and possibly suicidal. This may involve incorporating Family, friends and the unit into treatment planning. This may also mean including structured community support services, such as the Family support center and the chapel.

The bottom line is that other people are made aware of the distress and the individual's thoughts or behaviors. Then, the individual is linked to community based services. Involvement by more than one helping agency increases the likelihood that an individual will find people with whom he can establish trust and rapport and increases the chance that emerging needs or crises will be recognized and attended to early.

It is also important to ensure that commanders and first sergeants are aware of the protective nature of social support. Leadership can encourage members to use formal and informal support within or outside the unit. The goal is to assist distressed individuals and to promote help-seeking behaviors before an individual makes the choice to take their own life.

The Army has coined the acronym ACE (Ask, Care and Escort), to assist Soldiers in what to do in a crisis.

Ask your buddy. Have the courage to be direct and calmly ask if the individual is thinking about killing him or herself.

Care for your buddy. Actively listen to the individual; calmly remove any means that could be used to inflict self-injury.

Escort your buddy. Escort your buddy to the chain of command, chaplain, combat stress or mental health professional or medical provider.

Other points to consider: don't be sworn to secrecy; don't blow off threats or comments about suicide; don't be judgmental; and don't leave them alone—unless you are in danger.

When an individual is involved and takes action, lives can be saved. A friend or first line supervisor is in the best position to identify the key to early intervention. That key is noticing a dramatic change in behaviors. While not all dramatic changes in behaviors suggest that a person is suicidal, if nothing else, it indicates that

something is happening. Noticing a change in behaviors offers you and the professionals the opportunity to begin discussions and ask questions before a person decides to take their own life.

In the Armed Services, one person's suicide can and does affect virtually everyone. We are all part of a team, dependent upon each other. When one person dies, it is a tragedy, not just to friends and relatives, but to the entire team. Commanders, first sergeants, Family Members, fellow Soldiers and even casual acquaintances are all impacted. In some units, the loss of a Soldier due to any type of death can lead to mission degradation, loss of morale and feelings of helplessness. From a logistics standpoint, someone has to take-up the workload. There is work to be done, and one less person to do it. From the human standpoint, we can feel empty, confused and lost. It makes it that much more difficult when we don't understand what happened. The cost of death is immeasurable; the cost of a self-inflicted death is unfathomable.

There are several resources to help Soldiers, Family Members, supervisors and unit leadership with crisis management. The chaplain or combat stress is a great start. Other resources include: Family support centers, Military One Source, the Army G-1 Web site at [www.armyg1.army.mil/hR/suicide/default.asp](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hR/suicide/default.asp), the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Suicide Prevention Web site at [chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/readiness/suicide.aspx](http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/readiness/suicide.aspx), the Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site at [afssp.afms.mil](http://afssp.afms.mil) or the Navy Suicide Prevention Web site at [www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/suicide](http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/suicide); Civilian Support Agencies such as the National Suicide Hotline.

For more information, please feel free to contact your local combat stress or mental health clinic.

- [www.armyfamiliesonline.org](http://www.armyfamiliesonline.org) or (800) 833-6622
- [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) or (800) 342-9647
- National Suicide Hotline or (800) SUICIDE
- [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) or (800) 273-TALK

For queries, contact the Multi-National Division – Center Public Affairs at [MND-Center\\_PAO@iraq.cent.com](mailto:MND-Center_PAO@iraq.cent.com) or by phone at (Iraqna) 0790-194-2865.

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# Medic protects fellow Soldier, awarded Combat Medic Badge

**Spc. Ben Hutto**  
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

**FORT BENNING** – During a combat patrol outside of Jisr Diyala, Iraq, May 8, 2007 an explosively formed projectile blasted through the lead vehicle of Col. Wayne W. Grigsby's, then the commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, command security team.

As the vehicles in the convoy quickly relayed information, the lead vehicle's radio remained silent while a cloud of dust and smoke enveloped the damaged vehicle as it rolled to a stop on the side of the road, hiding it from the rest of the convoy.

As the second vehicle pushed through the cloud, it was quickly apparent how devastating the attack was. Pieces of the damaged humvee covered the road and as the form of the damaged vehicle gradually emerged from the clouds, the Soldiers in the second vehicle all fell silent for a moment in shock.

The vehicle's gun turret was tilted from the force of the blast and the two front heavily-armored doors were missing. Two of the humvee's crew were dead and the vehicle's gunner, Spc. Saul Martinez, barely clung to life.

As members of the second truck began to secure the area around the vehicle and report what had occurred, two Soldiers from the third vehicle left the safety of their humvee and began running through the thick cloud that separated the front two vehicles from the rest of the patrol.

Neither Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, the truck commander, nor Spc. Stephanie McCulley (who was a private first class at the time of the attack), a combat medic, knew what was on the other side of the cloud, but they both knew that the members of their team needed them.

"I felt the IED before I heard it," McCulley said. "They train us to wait and let Soldier's bring the casualties to us, but I knew if anyone was alive in that truck; they were barely alive. I didn't have time to wait. I just hopped out of our truck and ran to the truck."

Henderson said that when he and McCulley finally made it to the broken vehicle it was the worst thing he had ever seen in his whole life and was sure that no one had survived the attack.

As the pair arrived to the vehicle, McCulley heard a soft moan coming from the gunners hatch and crawled into the damaged vehicle to start working on Martinez who was trapped in the gun turret. Henderson began sawing away at the straps of Martinez's gunners harness.

Both of Martinez's legs were badly injured and as Henderson and members of the second vehicle slowly lowered him down out of the gunner's hatch, McCulley tried to focus on saving his life.

"When I put my hand under his IBA (Interceptor

Body Armor vest), I was praying that he was breathing," McCulley said. "I was worried about a million things. I was trying to keep him talking so he wouldn't go unconscious again. In the back of my mind, I was worried he would lose his legs, but I just focused on what I was doing. When I finally heard him speak it was the most beautiful sound in the whole world."

Henderson focused on keeping Martinez talking as McCulley applied tourniquets to his injured legs.

"He tried to give me a bracelet to give to his wife," Henderson said. "I took it, but kept telling him that he could give it to her when he saw her. He just kept saying, 'Make sure she gets it.' I told him I would just to keep him talking. I knew if he went to sleep he might go into a coma and not ever wake up again."

Martinez remembers the incident clearly. He said that while McCulley was working on him, he was worried that he wasn't going to make it home to see his wife, Sarah. The helpless feeling of having to lie back and depend on others to help him was the worst he explained.

"They were my two angels," Martinez said of McCulley and Henderson. "I remember lying there asking God to help me, and they were there."

Ultimately Martinez, would lose both of his legs, but the aid he received from both McCulley and Henderson wound up saving his life and his career as a Soldier.

After over a year of rehabilitation and several surgeries, Martinez was promoted to the rank of sergeant and is now a platoon sergeant in the Wounded Warrior's program at the Naval Medical Center in Balboa, Calif.

He is quick to point out that McCulley could have stayed by her vehicle and waited to make sure the area was safe or could have had him brought to her.

"I'm sure there were a lot of reasons she could have used to not come to me and no one would have faulted her, but she didn't," he said. "She was there for me, and I know that she is one of the reasons I'm alive today."

McCulley followed in her grandfather's, Ronald Jobes, who served with the 398th Infantry Division in France during World War II, footsteps by being a Soldier and



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**Command Sgt. Maj. James Pearson, command sergeant major of the 3rd HBCT, pins the Combat Medic Badge on Spc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic with the 3rd HBCT, 25, during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Hammer on June 1, 2007.**

being awarded the Bronze Star as a private first class.

McCulley, who was raised by her grandparents from a young age, said that her grandfather instilled in her a sense of pride in her country.

McCulley, who also received her Combat Medics Badge as result of her actions, is just honored to have followed in Jobes's footsteps.

While serving with the 398th Infantry Division in France, Jobes routinely volunteered for dangerous night patrols to hinder the Nazi defensive preparations in his sector. Jobes went out an average of three nights a week for three months. His service and commitment did not go unnoticed by his superiors. As a private first class, Jobes was awarded the Bronze Star for his exemplary performance in Eastern France.

"I think it is interesting that we both received our awards as a private first class," McCulley said. "Colonel Grigsby told me my grandfather would be proud after he pinned it on me. I couldn't help but smile after that."

Captain Steven Hemman, her team leader at the time of the attack, praised both her and Henderson for their actions following the attack. He praised McCulley's professionalism and calmness while she performed on a close friend.

"I know without a doubt that if she had not performed how she did, we would have lost three Soldiers that day," he said. "She did what she was trained to do. Being brave isn't about not being scared. It's about controlling the fear you do have and performing through it."



# Movie continues production at Kelley Hill

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**FORT BENNING** – Production on a documentary featuring the Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment continued on Kelley Hill this week.

Producer, Jon Steele, and director, Kern Konwiser, spent the week collecting additional interviews from Baker Company and filming additional footage for the film. The film will highlight the experiences and personal insights that the Baker Soldiers took away from their most recent deployment to the Mada'in Qada, Iraq.

Steele, an award-winning wartime cameraman and bestselling author, spent four months imbedded with Baker Company, after he quit working for the British network ITN, after 20 years.

"I just found that TV war coverage wasn't about the Soldiers," he said. "In most cases, it was about reporters being with the Soldiers and saying the same things over and over. The only times I heard the Soldiers speak was in five second sound bites. I decided I wanted to go to Iraq and find out what the Soldiers were actually feeling and thinking."

At the age of 57 and without support from any outside source, Steele returned to Iraq, one of the 75 different countries he had been stationed in during his time with ITN, to find the Soldier's story.

"When I first got to Carver (Combat Outpost Carver, one of three combat outpost 1/15 Inf. Regt. set up) the Soldiers were hesitant to talk to me, and I didn't blame them," Steele said. "They would ask, 'What is your agenda?' and I would always reply 'I don't have one.' It took me living with them and going out with them every day for me to earn their trust. I had to get them to understand that all I wanted to do was show what they were thinking and feeling. What I am doing has nothing to do with politics. It is not pro-war or against the war. This film is about Soldiers and what they think about what is going on around them."

Steele immersed himself with the company by going on air-assaults, combat patrols, Sons of Iraq meetings, humanitarian aid missions and using every opportunity he had to live like the Soldiers around him were living.

"I found out how complex a world our Soldiers live in," he said. "They don't live in a black and white world

where everything is spelled out for them. The choices they make on a daily basis are amazing. To watch 19- year-old kids pull a night time security shift, get a few hours sleep then go out on a combat patrol for eight to ten hours, come back clean their weapons, get their one meal of the day and try to get a few hours sleep before starting the whole process over again was amazing."

Steele also learned a lot about himself during his time with Baker Company.

"I really got a chance to rediscover my own country through the faces of these kids," he said. "Having been gone for 20 years, I was stunned to be talking with my own countrymen again and finding connections by just talking with them. It's funny because I'd spent 20 years covering war in just about every corner of the globe and had never actually worked with U.S. forces, even though I was an American. All of America should be proud of these guys, regardless of how they feel about the war. They made me feel patriotic. I just feel like everyone should respect and honor these guys."

After Steele left Baker Company, he set about going through the hours of footage he had compiled and put together a short teaser in order to attract production companies who would be willing to produce a full-length feature.

"There were a number of different organizations that were interested in using what I had filmed, but I would have had no control over how it was used by them," Steele said. "Many organizations were going to take it and use it to bash the troops, but I made a promise to every Soldier that I interviewed that what they said would be shown as they intended it. This project was never political, and it never will be shown that way. Sure, I could have made a lot of money off this, but I made promises to those young men that I would have their backs, and I will always keep those."

Ultimately, Steele chose GigaPix studios to help him produce the film. They in turn paired him with director, Kern Konwiser. Konwiser had previously directed numerous award-winning documentaries and feature



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**Cinematographer Jon Steele (right) shows 3rd HBCT commander, Col. Peter Jones, a trailer featuring the Soldiers in Co. B, 1/15th Inf. Regt. in his office on Kelley Hill, Sept. 10. Steele and director, Kern Konwiser, are producing a documentary about Baker Company's recent deployment to Iraq. The film should be out early next year.**

films. Konwiser had won Emmy awards for 'On Hallowed Ground', a TNT documentary about street basketball in Rucker Park, N.Y., and 'Mrs. Ever's Boys', an HBO feature-film about the Tuskegee Airmen.

Konwiser hopes the film allows people to see the Soldiers of Baker Company outside of their personal viewpoints of the war in Iraq.

"I think most people have already made their judgments about the war and just collect evidence to support their point of view and ignore evidence that disagrees with what they believe," he said. "Jon was able to get the Soldiers to open up in a way that is really rare. There is nothing like it out there now. I was amazed that the Army allowed him to get so close to the Soldiers."

Steele credits Col. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., the former commander of the 3rd HBCT, and Lt. Col. Jack Marr, the former commander of 1/15 Inf. Regt., for helping him tell their Soldiers' stories.



# Viper leader returns to CAB

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CAB Public Affairs

The Apache battalion of the Combat Aviation Brigade had a change of command ceremony, Sept. 16, at the Hunter Army Airfield flight line.

Lt Col. Michael Musiol replaced Lt. Col. Paul Marnon as the commander of 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment.

"It's a great opportunity for me," said Musiol, from Hampton, Va. "It's a great honor for me to serve 1/3 (Avn.). The unit has a tremendous reputation from combat and leading an Apache battalion has been a goal of mine my whole military career."

Marnon led the battalion during the brigade's recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the deployment, the Vipers of 1/3 Avn. supported nine major operations, flew more than 3,400 missions and accumulated more than 28,000 flight hours.

"I honestly think we made the difference with the surge," said Marnon, from Columbus, Ga. "Our number one priority were the Marne Soldiers. If it weren't for them and what they we did we wouldn't have been able to accomplish everything we did during our deployment."

Musiol and his wife, Leigh Ann, and their three children, Joey, Josh and Jennifer come to the brigade from Fort Polk where Musiol served as the Senior Operations Trainer in the Aviation Division for the Operations Group for the Joint Readiness Training Center. However, this is not Musiol's first encounter with 1/3 Avn. In 2005 in support of OIF 3, Musiol served as the 1/3 Avn. executive officer in addition to serving as the 3rd CAB's logistics officer.

"Coming back to 1/3 (Avn.) is a blessing for me and my family," said Musiol. "I look forward to the future and to the opportunity I have to lead."

Marnon will be taking a position at the National Training Center as the Senior Aviation Trainer.



Spc. Monica K. Smith

**Colonel Donald Galli, commander of the 3rd CAB, passes the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment colors to Lt. Col. Michael Musiol during the battalion's change of command, Sept. 16, at the Hunter Army Airfield flight line.**



# This Week on Marne Television

Midnight	3 Around Rock		Marne Vet Pets
	Driving Marne Safe		Marne Vet Pets
12:30 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	Noon	Marne Report
1 a.m.	Marne Vet Pets	12:30 p.m.	Marne
1:30 a.m.	Community Events		Reintegration
2 a.m.	Community Events	1 p.m.	Community Events
2:30 a.m.	MarneReintegration	3 p.m.	Battleground
3 a.m.	Community Events		The AmericanVeteran (Monday)
3:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe	3:30 p.m.	Community Events
	Community Events	5:30 p.m.	Marne Report
4 a.m.	Community Events	6 p.m.	Community Events
5:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe	6:30 p.m.	Grill Sergeant
	Community Events		(Tuesday)
6 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	7:30 p.m.	Marne Vet Pets
6:30 a.m.	Community Events	8 p.m.	Community Events
	Fit for Duty	8:30 p.m.	Community Events
7 a.m.	Jake's Body		Marne Chat (Monday, Wednesday)
7:30 a.m.	3 Around Rock	9 p.m.	Marne Report
	Marne Vet Pets	9:30 p.m.	Community Events
8 a.m.	Marne Report		The American Veteran (Monday)
8:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe		Ed Matters (Tuesday, Friday)
	Community Events	10 p.m.	3 Around Rock
9 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	10:30 p.m.	Driving Marne Safe
9:30 a.m.	Community Events	11 p.m.	Marne Reintegration
11:30 a.m.	3 Around Rock	11:30 p.m.	Marne Report

## This week's Marne Report

- School Freedom Walk 2008
- Veterans Corner
- Barracks Initiative
- Ready Army
- Vote 2008
- Road Rage
- New DD Form
- Suicide Prevention
- Welcome DCG-M and DCG-S
- Scuba Class
- Operation Rising Star
- Fall Clean Up

Channel 16 at Fort Stewart  
Channel 7 at Hunter AAF

The Marne Report runs Friday through Sept. 19.  
Programs are subject to change.

**\*Sprint customers on Hunter have to disconnect their cable box to tune in Marne TV.**

## Justice Served

**Spc. Bradley A. Hufnagel**, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, convicted by summary court-martial; wrongful possession; reduced to private (E1), forfeiture of \$200 pay for one month, and 45-days of hard labor without confinement.

**Spc. Shermell S. Williams**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, convicted by general court-martial; three counts of theft of military property; three counts of forgery; two counts of wearing unauthorized insignia; reduced to private (E1), confined for 42 months, and a dishonorable discharge.

**Pfc. Whitney M. O'Neal**, rear detachment, 703d Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team,

convicted by general court-martial; desertion; reduced to private (E1), confined for nine months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

**Pfc. Jose L. Cortez**, rear detachment, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, convicted by special court-martial; absent without leave; reduced to private (E1), confined for nine months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

**Pfc. Bernard A. Penegor**, rear detachment, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, 4 BCT, convicted by general court-martial; three counts of attempted larceny and two counts of larceny of military property less than \$500; confinement for five months and a bad-conduct discharge.

**Pvt. Jacob Foss**, Co. C, Warrior Transition Battalion, convicted by summary court-martial; six counts of

AWOL; disobeying a superior commissioned officer; disobeying a noncommissioned officer; confined for 19 days, reduced to private (E1), and forfeiture of \$898 pay for one month.

**Pfc. Jason M. Gorney**, Co. E, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 2nd BCT, convicted by general court-martial; desertion; confined for six months, reduced to private (E1), and a bad-conduct discharge.

**Pvt. Theodore W. Henry**, Co. A, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd BCT, convicted by special court-martial; AWOL; reduced to private (E1), confined for eight months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

**Pvt. Justin Sewell**, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd BCT, convicted by general court-martial; desertion; confined for nine months and a bad conduct discharge.